

Our Lady Queen of Peace School  
Parent Letter  
August 23, 2023

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

August 25- El Indio Mexican Restaurant "Dine To Donate" Day

August 28- School Pictures

September 5- PSA Meeting

September 6- Papa Johns' Pizza Day

September 7- Golf Match At Rolling Hills

September 11- Auction Meeting

September 18- School Board Meeting

September 21- Chess Club

September 29- PSA Family Fun Night

## **EL INDIO NIGHT**

OLQP is having a "Dine to Donate" Fundraiser at El Indio in Bethalto this Friday, August 25. El Indio will donate 15% of your total bill back to OLQP. This fundraiser runs all day during the hours the restaurant is open. Show the flyer or tell the staff you are there for the OLQP fundraiser.

## **PSA**

All parents are automatically members of the PSA. Decisions are made at these meetings that impact all of our students. The first meeting of the school year will be held on Tuesday, 9/5. It starts at 6pm in the Enrichment Room. You will **receive 1 family service hour** for attending the meeting and also your child can wear free dress the next day on Wednesday, 9/6.

## **MUM FUNDRAISER**

The PSA is once again sponsoring a fall mum fundraiser. More details and order forms will hopefully be sent home later this week. You will receive **1 family service hour** for every \$100 in sales

## **CHESS**

Chess will start up again on Thursday, 9/21. Meet in Mrs. Knight's /Dr. Woodiel's classroom. Chess club meets from 6pm-7pm weekly. After this date, chess club will be moved to Wednesday nights. Students in grades K-8th are welcome to attend each week. We are hoping to get some team matches scheduled this school year.

## **OLQP DINNER AUCTION**

Our first Dinner Auction meeting will be held on Monday, September 11th in the Art Room. Enter the school through the gym doors. We will be discussing a date, committee leads, and possible theme. All school families are invited to attend and will **receive 1 family service hour** for attending this first planning meeting.

## **GOLF**

Golf team members and coaches are being finalized by our Athletic Director. More info will be coming to players that signed up later this week or next. Mark your calendars, the first golf match is set for Thursday, September 7th at Rolling Hills Golf Course.

## **DROP OFF/PICK UP PROCEDURE**

Staff will be at the Preschool door, the door in the primary wing, and at the Enrichment Center/gym entrance to let students in each morning. Pull into the parking lot off of Butcher Street and then proceed to either the primary wing door or Enrichment Center/gym door. If you need to get out of the car, please park away from the doors so we can keep traffic moving. **If you have a child in preschool with an older sibling, they may all enter through the preschool door. If they are not walking through preschool, walk them to the primary wing door. There is NOT staff at the front door to let them in. Please do not let them walk around the building by themselves.**

## **SPIRIT DAYS**

Thursdays will once again be Spirit Days. Students may wear their Spirit T-Shirts on Thursdays with their uniform jumpers/skirts/shorts. Becky DiPaolo is still taking orders if you would like to order a shirt for the year. Contact the office or Becky DiPaolo with any questions. Students may wear previous year's shirts if they wish. Order form is attached below.

## **HOT LUNCH**

Hot lunch will start to be served on Tuesday, 9/5. Lunch is provided to our students from Bethalto School District. The cost this year is \$3.25 per lunch. Lunch orders for the week of 9/5 are due no later than **Thursday 8/31**. Send a note with the days your child wants to order and the money with your child in an envelope marked " Hot Lunch". Once the order is received your child will receive a lunch order receipt to bring home within a couple of days.

## **STATE RECORDS**

We are still needing some families to send in the required medical forms for the state. Notes will be coming home next week stating what is still missing.

## **SERVICE HOURS**

Service hour logs were handed out on 8/13/23 for this school year. See the school website link below for more information on what counts as hours.

<https://www.olqpbethalto.org/parent-resources/service-hours.cfm>

## **CMG CONNECT**

The **CMGConnect** online training replaces the former Safe Environment Program (VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children") that was previously offered through our Archdiocese. Individuals are now required to complete all Safe Environment Training online.

**CMG connect** is a new web-based platform that will assist the Diocese to ensure that all employees and volunteers who are in a position of trust with children and vulnerable adults within our schools and parishes are trained to recognize behavior patterns of potential abusers and provide proactive measures for preventing abuse in any context. **This class needs to be completed before volunteering at the school and to complete most service hour opportunities.**

<https://cmgconnect.org/>

\*\*\* If you are unsure of your status, please email [kknight@olqpbethalto.org](mailto:kknight@olqpbethalto.org) and we will let you know.

## **SCHOOL PICTURES**

School picture order forms were sent home on Sunday, 8/13. School pictures are scheduled for Monday, 8/28. Free dress is allowed for picture day. Pictures will start at 8:30am and they will start with the youngest students first. If your child misses picture day, there will be a makeup day in November scheduled. You can order online anytime (if you order before picture day you get free shipping) or send in the payment to the school office at any time up until the day of pictures. If you do not order online before picture day you will receive a proof a few weeks after picture day to look at and you can order online at that time. Contact Chrissy in the school office with any questions.

## **BEFORE AND AFTER CARE**

We welcome Beth Kearns as our director of Caring Hands- our before and after school program. She will be checking id's when students are being picked up until she is familiar with everyone. Thank you for helping her keep our kids safe.

## **DRESS CODE**

Please review the uniform guidelines found in the Policy Handbook on our website regarding dress code. Pay close attention to sock color, make up, and OLQP sweatshirts. **Please make sure shoes have non marking soles.**

## **NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATORY POLICY**

*"Our Lady Queen of Peace School admits students of any race, color, sex or national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate based on race, color, sex, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships and loan programs, and athletic and school administered programs. Our schools do reserve all their rights as religious entities in accord with the teachings of the Catholic Church, the protections of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, and the Illinois Religious Freedom Restoration Act 775 ILCS 35."*

*All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children.*  
**Isaiah 54:13**